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West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association NEWSLETTER

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SENIORS

1 Pirmin Suter	Oberarth, CH	58.50
2 Ralph Luthy	Kussnacht CH	57.25
3A Grant Widmer	Manteca	56.50
3B Andrew Betschart	Ripon	56.50
3C Patrick Betschart	Immensee CH	56.50
4A Daniel Zimmermann	Weggis CH	56.25
4B Peter Ming	Elk Grove	56.25

ABOVE WITH CROWNS

5 Christian Forester	Merlischachen CH	55.25
6A Patrick Richardson	Francis WA	55.00
6B Carlos Hernandez	Manteca	55.00
6C Morgan Lujan	Sacramento	55.00
7 Steven Widmer	Manteca	54.50
8A Mike Berchtold	French Camp	53.75
8B Aaron Robinson	Ripon	53.75
9 Austin Pierson	Francis WA	53.00
Umfall Romeo Biene	Kussnacht CH	

GROUP C - JUNIOR - AGES 14-17

1 Josh Hanson	Tacoma WA	59.25
2 Zamari Barakum	Stockton	56.75
3 Sam Ming	Sacramento	56.50
4 Levi Cook	Turlock	56.00

ABOVE WITH MEDALS

5A Alex Kuttle	Sacramento	55.25
5B Nicholas Johnson	Manteca	55.25
6 Grace Beglinger	Manteca	54.00
7 Duley Martinez	Oakdale	53.75
8 Luis Torres	Ripon	52.50

GROUP B Ages 11-12

1 Barrett Silva	Modesto	59.50
2A Leona Martinez	Oakdale	56.50
2B Tanner Schmidig	Truckee	56.50
3 Wyatt Noonkester	Manteca	55.00

ABOVE WITH MEDALS

4 Neil Durrer	Modesto	54.75
5 James Johnson	Manteca	54.25
6 Robin Cook	Denair	52.50

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SWISS CLUB

September 10th 2022

The 64th WCSWA Championship Schwingfest came with some great fanfare as 6 Schwingers and 3 fans from Kussnacht came for the day of competition and to root for their club, along with Kurt and Susan Beck, from Thun, CH who cheered on both American and Swiss Schwingers. The warm, but not as hot as Thursdays 112 degree weather, was a wonderful day for those 400+ in attendance to cheer on the 16 Senior and 24 Junior/Buebe Schwingers. Thank you to Don Widmer/Ted Betschart and Kim Widmer who organized the Schwingfest and to judges, Leo Durrer, Conrad Grass, Chris Portmann, Urs Gwerder, Herbie Suter, and Josh Marchy. There were many exciting matches throughout the day from the Buebe to the Seniors. Daniel Zimmermann won his last round vs Patrick Richardson - bittersweet for Patrick as this was Daniel Zimmermann's last Schwingen round and he retired his Schwinger Hosen in the ring. For the Schlussgang round it was Pirmin Suter of Oberarth and Grant Widmer, Manteca. In the end the 2022 Championship Schwinger König, was Pirmin Suter. There was an abundance of awards donated for these Schwingers, everyone went home with a prize. The Schwingers from Kussnacht also presented our Club with a wooden clock.

GROUP A Ages 5-10

1 Adam Elder	Francis WA	59.75
2 James Marchy	Modesto	57.25
3 Leo Garcia	Ripon	56.75
4 Charlie Widmer	Manteca	54.75
<u>ABOVE WITH MEDALS</u>		
5 Dominic Johnson	Manteca	54.50
6 Louis Durrer		53.75
7 Logan Burtschi		53.00





NEWARK SCHWINGFEST RANGLISTE SEPT 3, 2022

Thanks to all the wrestlers, volunteers and everyone that came. The Schwingerklub Küssnacht presented the Aelpler Gruppe with a beautifully carved wooden clock to commemorate their trip. It is on display in the bar. Congratulations to Ralph Lüthy, already down on one knee to receive his crown, proposed to girlfriend, Nadine Suter. She said YES! And the party ensued from there.

1	Patrick Betschart	Immensee	58.00
2	Ralph Lüthy	Küssnacht am Rigi	57.25
3	Pirmin Suter	Oberarth	56.75
4	Morgan Lujan*	Sacramento	56.25
5	Patrick Richardson	Frances	56.00
6	Daniel Zimmermann	Weggis	55.75
7a	Romeo Bienz	Küssnacht am Rigi	55.25
7b	Christian Forester	Küssnacht am Rigi	55.25
8	Nathan MacLeod	Frances	54.75
9a	Carlos Hernandez	Ripon	54.50
9b	Steven Widmer	Ripon	54.50
10	Aaron Robinson	Ripon	54.25
11	Mike Berchtold	French Camp	52.50

BOLD IS CROWNS

*Schönschwinger

Juniors

1	Sam Ming	Sacramento	57.75
2	Zamari Knockum	Stockton	57.25
3	Walter Bynum	Oakdale	52.50

Group A

1	Barrett Silva	Modesto	56.75
2	Alex Küttel	Sacramento	56.50
3	Niko Birakos	Oakdale	52.50
4	Wyatt Noonkester	Manteca	52.50

Group B

1	Jayse Birakos	Oakdale	58.50
2	James Marchy	Modesto	52.50

STEINSTOSSEN

1	Nathan MacLeod
2	Romeo Bienz
3	Carlos Hernandez

2022 Eidgenössisches

The 2022 Eidgenössisches in Pratteln im Baselbiet has come to a close and there is a new Schwinger König amongst us! While going in it was apparent the majority of experts and schwinger enthusiasts had their eyes on who the 2022 König was going to be - **Samuel Giger**. We were proud to send four West Coast Schwingers, Steven Widmer, Grant



Widmer, Andrew Betschart and Connor Treat, to participate in the event and they caught

up with Samuel Giger on Friday before the festivities started and were able to snap a photo of the could be king.



Thanks to Urs Gwerder, once again for all of the arrangements for our men to participate, accommodations and transportation during the event and putting on a dinner in their honor in Switzerland. Urs and Silvia brought the American Swiss Evening together on Wednesday night at the Schwingerlokal Alpenrosli

in Muothathal. A delicious dinner was served, along with music from Familienkapelle Schmid and Road music by Alex Gwerder former bandleader of the Dusty Boots. In all 80+ people turned out to wish our Schwingers good luck! We even had some from the Schwingerverband there including Adrian Affolter and Rolf Gosser, who have been instrumental in assisting us in having us participate at the Eidg.

The festivities kicked off at 7:15 am in Pratteln, Saturday August 28th (10:00 pm Friday night for those of us here on the West Coast, and it was kicked off by the opening parade of Officials, Judges and then the Schwingers. It was a proud moment watching the Auslanders come in, followed by the Swiss Schwinger Clubs. We even got a slight wave from Steven! As they were walking in and announcing their names on the livestream they also announced that Don Widmer had won a crown in Eidg 1972 and noted that John Ming and Al Ming were also Eidg Crown winners from the USA. Once the wrestling started we were amazed that Steven was up in Ring 7 on the livestream for all of us to see. Unfortunately it seemed like it was over before it started for Steven, but we still had high hopes for everyone else's 1st round. For those that attended it was a wonderful event full of tremendous schwingen skills and abilities and momentum, and one of the best Eidg. for Schwingen that they have ever seen. For those of us watching via Livestream - if you could stay up to watch it all - it was a magnificent precision production event. The first 4 rounds took place on Saturday. Those that didn't make at least 35.75 didn't make it to the 2nd day of Schwingen and became spectators for the day.

Unfortunately our wrestlers became spectators on the 2nd day. Grant had a promising win in the 1st round against Theo Rogivue, but with great effort and fight, an almost had him moments, lost the next 3 rounds he ended the day which put him in placing 37u with 35.50 points; Andrew placed 43c with 34.00 points, Connor placed 43g with 34.00 points and Steven placed 43h with 34.00 points. They all fought hard, but all ended the day with 4 losses. Overall it was a wonderful experience for all of them and they found all of the Schwingers and community welcoming and happy to have them there participating.

The Sunday events proved to be more entertaining and more competitive as the day progressed, nail biting at times! As each Schwinger would win - the hype in the crowd would get louder and louder. The final round determined who would get the Eidg Crown and who would be crowned the 2022 Eidg. König. Matthias Aeschbacher and Joel Wicki were up for the title. Joel was in the same position at the 2019 Eidg in Zug against Christian Stücki. For me sitting at my kitchen table watching from my laptop - rooting Wicki on - see the shavings flying in slow motion, the sweat on the brow, endless bridges that he was fighting his way out of, had me on the edge of my seat. After over 12 minutes, and one final throw, Wicki beat Aeschbacher to claim the 2022 Eidg König title. As they both collapsed in the sawdust, the crowd went wild as this is the first time since the 1986 Eidg the last Innerschweizer Heinrich Knüsel won a crown for their Region. American Congratulations to König Joel Wicki !



2022 Eidg König Joel Wicki



Ausland-Schwinger: Dieser US-Cop tauscht Pfefferspray gegen...
Grant Widmer ist einer von sechs A...
www.20min.ch

Nice photos and article
<https://www.20min.ch/story/dieser-us-cop-tauscht-pfefferspray-gegen-schwinger-zwischhosen-413704272322>



Schwingen: Die verrückte Geschichte von Don und Grant...
Don Widmer aus Kalifornien gewan...
www.nzz.ch

Here's the headlines for today's Widmer article. We'll have a pdf to share a little later today. It is quite good.
<https://www.nzz.ch/sport/schwingen-die-verrueckte-geschichte-von-don-und-grant-widmer-ld.1699722>

Welcome Schwingerklub Küssnacht - Patrick Betschart, Ralph Lüthy, Pirmin Suter, Daniel Zimmermann, Romeo Bienz, Christian Forster *Not in order of photo



Prizes selected by our Schwingers at the 2022 Pratteln im Baselbeit Eidg.



Left: Vantage Point where they watched the guys wrestle

Right: Wicki and Aesch-backer after the Schlüssgang

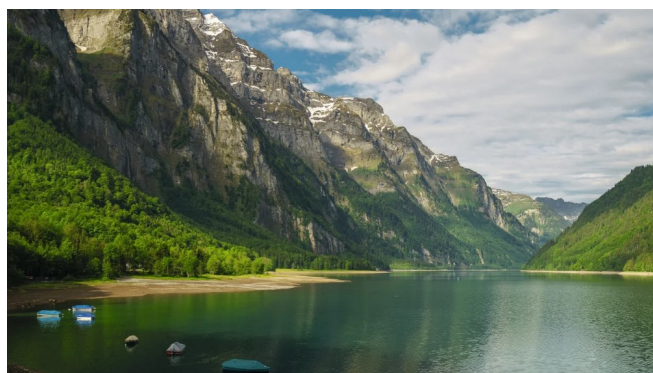


Who wouldn't want a selfie with König Wicki at the after parties !



The date has been set, the logo has been approved and the excitement is already anticipated for the next Eidgenössisches! This is the official original Glarner Tüechli.

Where is Glarnerland? Glarnerland connects the beaches of Walensee with glacial three-thousand-metre summit of the



Tödi. Recreation and relaxation all in one. Glarnerland offers convenient access to the mountains, thanks to the hourly S25 train connection from Zurich. In Canton Glarus it is in Eastern Switzerland, and is surrounded by Schwyz, St Gallen, Grisons, and Uri. It can be reached in less than an hour from Zurich. Mark that calendar now - More info will follow in the next three years!



TRUCKEE SCHWINGFEST

It was a wonderful warm day for

Schwingen, a great turnout and as you can see lots of Schwingers, entertainment from the Alp-horns, to Auctioning of the "Cow", to Seven Seas Whiskey tasting. So many donated prizes including the Bell donated in honor of Leini Suter, and we all got to enjoy a free drink in remembrance of Leini Suter.

SENIORS

- 1 GRANT WIDMER RIPON, CA 59.50**
2A PETER MING ELK GROVE, CA 57.25
2B CONNOR TREAT PORTLAND, OR 57.25
3 STEVEN WIDMER RIPON, CA 55.75

ABOVE WITH CROWNS

- 4 PATRICK RICHARDSON FRANCES, WA 55.00**
5A JOEY COOK TACOMA, WA 54.75
5B AARON ROBINSON RIPON, CA 54.75
6A ANDREW BARONI RIPON, CA 53.75
6B *MIKE BERCHTOLD FRENCH CAMP, CA 53.75

*This is Mike Berchtold's 20th time participating in the Truckee Schwingfest.

A Group Bold received Zweig

- 1 Jayden Schmidig Reno, NV 58.00**
2 Carl Ming Sacramento 55.75
3 Cade Ross Reno, NV 55.25
4 Sam Ming Sacramento 54.25
5 Xander Birakos Oakdale 53.75

B Group Bold received Zweig

- 1 Barrett Silva Modesto 57.50**
2 Claudio Fohn Muotathal, CH 57.00
3 Alex Kuttel Truckee, CA 56.75
4 Levi Lewis Turlock, CA 55.75
5 Brody Magruder Francis, WA 54.50
6 Tanner Schmidig Truckee, CA 53.75
7 Niko Birakos Oakdale, CA

C Group (Bold received Zweig

- 1 Andrin Fohn Muotathal, CH 60.00**
2a Jayse Birako Oakdale, CA 57.00
2b Owen Lewis Turlock, CA 57.00
3 Barreet Lyhue Truckee, CA 56.00
4 James Marchy Modesto, CA 55.75
5 Charlie Widmer Manteca, CA 54.50
6 Aylah Lyhne Floriston, CA 54.50
7a Jakob Lewis Turlock, CA 53.50
7b Gunthal Lyhne Floriston, CA 53.50



The Pacific Northwest Champion for 2022 was Conner Treat



SENIORS

- 1 Connor Treat-Portland, OR 58.25**
2 Peter Ming- Ripon, CA 57.25
3 Kody Kaech- Frances WA 55.75

Above With Crowns

- 4a Steven Widmer Ripon, CA 55.50**
4b Marshall Brockway Frances, WA 55.50
4c Partrick Richardson Frances, WA 55.50
5 Darin Pierson Frances, WA 55.25
6 Willi Boni Tacoma, WA 54.75
7a Austin Pierson Frances, WA 54.00
7b Joe Cook Tacoma, WA 54.00
8 Nathan Macleod Frances, WA 53.75
9 Nathan Werner Frances, WA 53.25

JUNIORS

- 1 Hunter Isom Frances, WA 58.00**
2a Koltin Kaech Frances, WA 55.75
Above with Zwieg
2b Charles DeJong Tacoma, WA 55.75
3 Josh Hanson Tacoma, WA 52.75

PORTLAND SCHWINGFEST

SENIORS

- 1 Grant Widmer Ripon, CA 58.75**
2 Peter Ming Elk Grove, CA 57.50*
3 Connor Treat Portland, OR 56.75+
4 Steve Widmer Ripon, CA 55.50
5a Patrick Richardson Frances, WA 55.00
5b Nathan Macleod Frances, WA 55.00
6 Kevin Ettlin Kerns CH 54.25
7 Thomas Ettlin Kerns CH 52.50

Manuel Elsener Zug, CH Unfall

*** Schönschwinger + Sportsman**

BUEBE 12-13-14

- 1 Hunter Harris Francis 59.75***
2 Maya Wigger Zug, CH 52.50

BUEBE 9-10-11

- 1 Brody Magruder Frances 58.50**
2 Adam Elder Frances 56.75*
3 Cohen Archibald Portland 55.75
4 Dexter Hobbs Portland 54.75
5 Jacob Richter Francis

Nathan Richter - Unfall

FRANCES SCHWINGFEST - JULY 2/3

Seniors

1 Grant Widmer	Ripon	58.25
2a Steven Widmer	Ripon	56.25
2b Connor Treat	Portland	56.25
3a Patrick Richardson	Frances	55.75
3b Marshall Brockway	Frances	55.75
<i>Above with crowns</i>		
4 Brian Zock	Frances	55.50
5 Willi Boni	Tacoma	55.25
6 Wyatt Bush	Frances	54.75
7 Andrew Baroni	Ripon	54.25
8 Joe Cook	Tacoma	54.00
9 Nathan Maclead	Frances	53.75
10 Mike Berchtold	Ripon	53.50
11 Austin Pierson	Frances	51.75

Juniors

1 Jacob Price	Frances	58.25
2 Koltin Kaech	Frances	56.00
<i>Above with Crowns</i>		
3 Hunter Isom	Frances	54.00
4 Charlie Edgar	Frances	52.50
12-13-14		
1 Josh Hanson	Tacoma	59.00
2 Kyle Brockway	Frances	55.75
3 Romeo Gwerder	Tacoma	55.25
<i>Above with crowns</i>		
4a Chase Porter	Frances	55.00
4b Austin Isom	Frances	55.00
5 Hunter Harris	Frances	53.00
There were 13 Buebe		



Grant Widmer's Bell

SJVSC SPRING SCHWINGFEST

The Spring Schwingfest June 4th 2022, was well attended with lots of little ones running around! The day wasn't too warm and it was a fun day for Schwingen. Thank you Matt Ming for being the Fest President for the day and Judges Lucas Widmer, Katie Kaech, Martin Steiner and Logan Schallberger. We had 7 Seniors, 5 Juniors (although 3 went Umfall); and 15 in the Buebe group. Following the Schwingfest was a sold out Bratwurst dinner BBQ'd by Swiss BBQ'ers and Marge Betschart and crew in the kitchen preparing all of the sides. Thanks to all of you who stepped up to help in the Kitchen, Bar, Script, Dinner Tickets and the Kitchen for Dinner. It was a fun day!

SENIORS:

1 Grant Widmer	58.75
2 Steven Widmer	57.25
3 Aaron Robinson	56.75
4 David Marchy	56.25
<i>Above with Medals</i>	
5 Andrew Baroni	54.75
6 Mike Berchtold	53.75
7 Justiin Durrer	53.50

JUNIORS

1 Levi Cook	57.25
2 Noah Kaech	55.00
<i>Above with medals</i>	
<i>Umfall: Sammy Ming,</i>	
<i>Belle Beglinger</i>	
<i>Xandor Birakos</i>	

GROUP B

1 Grace Beglinger	58.50
2 Nicholas Johnson	57.00
3 Barrett Silva	56.50
4 Niko Birakos	56.00
<i>Above with Medals</i>	
5A Tanner Schmidig	55.00
5B Briteson Comello	55.00
5C James Johnson	55.00
6 Robin Cook	54.50
7 Leonidas Garcia	53.75

GROUP A

1 Maximus Durrer	59.75
2 Apollo Durrer	58.00
3 Luke Comello	57.25
<i>Above with Medals</i>	
4 James Marchy	54.75
5 Charlie Widmer	53.75
6 Dominic Johnson	52.50



San Diego Swiss Club
2001 Main Street, Chula Vista, CA
72nd Annual Schwingfest
Saturday June 18, 2022

Seniors

1	Grant Widmer	Ripon	58.50
2	Ralph Luthy	Küssnacht, CH	57.00
3	Martin Steiner	Sacramento, CA	55.00

Above with Crowns

4a	Steven Widmer	Ripon, CA	54.75
4b	Aaron Robinson	Stockton, CA	54.75
5	David Mitrovich	Chula Vista, CA	54.50
6	Michael Berchtold	Ripon, CA	54.00
7	David Marchy	Ripon, CA	53.75

Ages 12 - 14

1	Falisha Andermatt	San Diego	38.50
2	Faiz Andermatt	San Diego	36.00

Ages 9—11

1	Nico Theep	San Diego	55.00
2	Aomi Nebel	San Diego	54.75
3	Lucas Ortiz	San Diego	39.25
4	David Ortiz	San Diego	35.25

Ages 5—8

1	Eliza Andermatt	San Diego	58.00
2a	Melia Theep	San Diego	56.50
2b	Travis Bostrom	Escondido	56.50
3a	Dillon Bostrom	Escondido	53.50
3b	Joseph Lowery	Chula Vista	53.50
4	Ellis Ortiz	San Diego	38.25



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101st ANNUAL SCHWINGFEST

Saturday, March 26, 2022

1.	Betschart, Andrew	Ripon, CA	59.25
2.	Connor Treat	Portland, OR	56.00
3.	Patrick Richardson	Frances, WA	55.00

Above with Crowns

4	Isaac Schali	Ripon, CA	54.75
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5	Daniel Ledesma	Holtville, CA	54.50
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JUNIORS

1	Connor Johnson	Brawley, CA	58.50
2	Beau Williams	Holtville, CA	56.50
3	Mattias Leimgruber	Holtville, CA	54.50
	Toby Sutter	Holtville, CA	46.75
	Sawyer Sanders	El Centro, CA	44.75
	Fritz, Sanders	El Centro, CA	43.75

Andrew Betschart also was the Schoenschwinger

TACOMA SPRING SCHWINGFEST

JUNE 25 2022



SENIORS:

1	Grant Widmer	Ripon	59.00
2	Conner Treat	Portland	57.00
3	Joey Cook	Tacoma	53.75
4	Patrick Richardson	Frances	53.50

12 - 14 year olds

1	Josh Hanson	Tacoma	58.00
2	Romeo Gwerder	Tacoma	54.00
3	Hunter Harris	Frances	53.25

9 - 11 year olds

1	Brody Magruder	Frances	59.25
2	Dalton Markee	Frances	56.75
3	Fritz Boni	Tacoma	54.75
4	Matthew Boni	Tacoma	52.50

6 - 8 years old

1	Barron Kaech	Frances	59.75
2	Konrad Boni	Tacoma	52.50

2023 WCSWA CHAMPIONSHIPS - SIERRA SWISS CLUB



Looking to the 2023 Schwingfest Schedule?? So are we! The first Schwingfest will be held March 25th, 2023 in Imperial Valley. The Championship Schwingfest moves to Sierra Swiss Club-Truckee in July 2023. Both Schwingfests are destination events with multi-day activities. The rest of our schedule will be released in January 2023.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who contribute in donations to the Schwingfests each year, support by attending, and to all of the Schwinger's who participate to make these events take place! **Without the Schwingers - there would be no Schwingfests!**

We hope that you had the chance to talk to all of the Schwingers that came from Knüssnacht. We also hope you got to meet Kurt and Susan Beck from Thun. They noted we didn't have a Bernese Flag in the parade and that they are going back and letting the Bernese Schwinger they need to come to California next year! They also noted that they



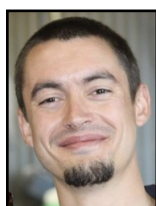
**WCSWA –
JOSEF L INDERBITZEN
PERPETUAL TROPHY
2022 Winner
Grant Widmer**

This year we are in a building year for our Schwingfests. For the WCSWA we have the following clubs involved, Imperial Valley, Ripon, San Diego, Sierra Swiss-Truckee, Newark and with allowance of Portland in our 2022 configuration. We ended with 16 Schwingers from the California/Oregon Clubs competing. We started off with only 4 Schwingers eligible for points at the Imperial Valley Schwingfest with Andrew Betschart taking 1st place; Ripon, San Diego and Truckee all had 7, with Grant Widmer being the 1st place eligible winner in each of those Schwingfests. Portland being new - was able to utilize the Portland Schwinger Connor Treat in their point calculations. Portland had 4 eligible Schwingers - which again Grant Widmer received a 1st place. Newark Schwingfest

only had 5 eligible schwingers with wrestler Morgan Lujan coming back after a long hiatus, taking the 1st place in the eligible schwingers. The Championship of course had the most participants with 8 eligible and Grant Widmer and Andrew Betschart tied for the 1st eligible placings. The Championship also gives the winner a .25 point advantage which 1st and 2nd place points were split between Grant and Andrew, with Peter Ming, Carlos Hernandez, Morgan Lujan, Steven Widmer and Mike Berchtold all receiving those advantage points. In the end - the placings gave Grant Widmer a large lead in points with a -.05 points, Steven Widmer was 2nd with .58 and Aaron Robinson took 3rd with .68 points. Bear in mind that these Schwingers need to attend at least 5 of the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association Schwingfests this year (4 if you attend the Eidg) to not get penalized on the points, Grant wrestled in 5 and Steven wrestled in 6 Schwingfests.

Congratulations to Grant Widmer who receives the WCSWA - Josef L Inderbitzen Perpetual Trophy for the 1st time. Previous winners include: Andrew Betschart, Jakob Schallberger, Logan Schallberger and Frank Kaech.

WCSWA TOTAL BONUS	LESS >5 AT- TEND	YEAR END TOTAL PERPETUAL TROPHY		RANK
1	0.23	(0.05)	Widmer, Grant	1.00
6	0.05	-	Widmer, Steven	2.00
		-	Robinson, Aaron	3.00
7	0.02	-	Berchtold, Mike	4.00
3	0.15	2.00	Ming, Peter	5.00
		2.00	Treat, Connor	6.00
2	0.23	3.00	Betschart, Andrew	7.00
5	0.09	3.00	Lujan, Morgan	8.00
4	0.09	3.00	Hernandez, Carlos	9.00
		3.00	Marchy, David	10.00
		3.00	Baroni, Andrew	11.00
		4.00	Steiner, Martin	12.00
		4.00	Mitrovich, David	13.00
		4.00	Schali, Isaac	14.00
		4.00	Ledesma, Daniel	15.00
		4.00	Durrer, Justin	15.00



**2ND ANNUAL GEORGE E. MORRIS (GEM) MEMORIAL
SCHWINGER AWARD \$2,000 in 2022
Congratulations to Patrick Richardson & Steven Widmer
who split the prize in 2022**

The GEM (George E Morris) Memorial Schwinger Awards was presented to Patrick Richardson and Steven Widmer for their participation in 7 of the 8 Crown Schwingfests in California, Oregon and Washington.



Patrick attended: Imperial Valley, Frances, Truckee, Portland, Tacoma, Newark and Ripon Schwingfests in 2022. We also need to mention that Patrick went to Switzerland to compete in a few Schwingfests in June and to Canada to compete as well.

Steven attended: San Diego, Frances, Truckee, Portland, Tacoma, Newark and Ripon Schwingfests in 2022. We also need to mention that Steven attended the Eidg. Which was two weeks after Tacoma and the week before Newark.



They split the \$2,000 award for competing in the 7 Schwingfests, with Patrick receiving an extra \$100 as a bonus for attending George's hometown Imperial Valley Schwingfest.

We thank George Morris for creating this GEM Award in honor of his son George.

West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association

The West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association (WCSWA) was founded in 1957 to unite Swiss Wrestling clubs and associated members of the West Coast for the purpose of maintaining and advancing the fundamentals and techniques of Swiss Wrestling. Contact your local club to get started.

Each year our member clubs host 7 of the 10 annual Schwingfests here on the West Coast of the USA that stretch from San Diego, CA to Tacoma, WA. Our first Schwingfest each year is the Spring in Holtville, CA. The annual Championship Schwingfest rotates between our member clubs. In 2023 it will be in July in Truckee, CA. Visiting wrestlers from Switzerland are always welcome. Schwing Klubs who want to travel on the West Coast can visit 2-3 Schwingfests depending upon the time of year. Contact us for more information.

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the Swiss newspaper



Check out the 2022 Recap—Highlights

Offizieller Schlussfilm / Film officiel de fin – ESAF Pratteln im Baselbiet Go to the www.esaf2022.ch to find the link or
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CN2c4gkaWfM&fbclid=IwAR3wcBpHbpmYNMcmx_9xkuid2_t37xVklacBN5wlo64if15YtUDlJsgd1Les

UPDATES FROM SWITZERLAND

2022 Eidgenössischen Schwing- und Älplerfests in Pratteln im Baselbiet

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